



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 27, 2023  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Zoom Teleconference  
Agenda

Invited participants: Members of the RMC Legislative Committee  
Lindsay Thompson, RMC Legislative Committee Co-Chair  
Chris Benzing, RMC Legislative Committee Co-Chair  
Charlotte Davis, Executive Director

- I. Welcome and Introductions Lindsay Thompson
- II. Review of February 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- III. Session Updates
  - a. HB695-Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund – Revisions and Sunset Repeal (Rural Communities Improvement Act of 2023) Hearing held 2/24-Environment & Transportation Committee
- IV. Bill Tracking
  - a. SB613/HB908 – Electricity – Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program. Senate Hearing 2/28, EEE. House Hearing held 2/2, EM. (REVISIT)
  - b. HB653 – Economic Development – Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program – Establishment, Hearing Held 2/23 W&M
  - c. SB867/HB652 – Vehicle Laws – Special and Commemorative Registration Plate – Maryland Heroes, Senate Hearing held 2/22 JP; House Hearing held 2/23 E&T (REVISIT)
  - d. SB746/HB23 – Manufactured Home – Sale of Manufactured Housing Communities (Manufactured Housing Modernization Act of 2023), Senate Hearing, 2/28, JP; House Hearing held 1/26 E&T.
  - e. HB654/SB297 – Community Colleges – Capital Projects – State Share Adjustment, House Hearing held 2/28 APP; Senate Hearing held 2/8, B&T.
  - f. SB172/HB229 – Employment for Minors – Opportunities for Work. Housing Hearing held 2/7 in Economic Matters; Third Reading Passed in the Finance Committee.
  - g. HB548/SB550 - Financial Regulation - Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund - Establishment (Access to Banking Act); House Hearing held 2/22 EM; Senate Hearing 3/1, Finance.
  - h. SB327-Hunting, Wildlife Conservation, and Outdoor Recreation-Funding, Promotion, Management, Licenses, Permits, and Stamps, Senate Hearing held 2/15, EEE; House Hearing 3/3, E&T. (REVISIT)

- i. SB470/HB631- Natural Resources - Land Conservation - Establishment of Goals and Programs (Maryland the Beautiful Act), Senate Hearing 3/1, EEE, B&T; House Hearing held 2/22. (REVISIT)
- j. SB492/HB932 – Oysters – Rotational Harvest – Pilot Program, Hearing 3/2, EEE; House Hearing 3/1, E&T.
- k. SB836/HB950 - Maryland Native Plants Program, Senate Hearing 3/2, EEE; House Hearing 3/3, E&T. (REVISIT)
- l. SB508/HB1067 – Hemp Farming Program – Use of Hemp and Hemp Products in Consumable Products, Senate Hearing 3/2, Education, Energy and the Environment Committee; House Hearing 3/3, Economic Matters Committee
- m. SB527/HB511 – Natural Resources – Forest Preservation and Retention. Senate Hearing 3/2 Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee; House Hearing held on 2/16, Economic Matters Committee.
- n. SB734/HB1038 – Transportation -Highways – Tourist Area and Corridor Signage Program, Senate Hearing 3/8, Finance; House Hearing 3/2, E&T
- o. SB715 – State Board of Foresters – Sunset Extension, Hearing 3/3 EEE.
- p. SB636/HB1046 – Public Safety – Solar Battery Energy Storage Systems, Senate Hearing 3/7, EEE; House Hearing 3/8, E&T and Economic Matters Committee.
- q. SB643/HB838 – Housing – Community Development Program Act – Funding, Senate Hearing 3/8, B&T; House Hearing 3/14, Appropriations.
- r. SB866/HB1257 – Special Vehicle Registration Plates – Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation – Appropriation, Senate Hearing 3/7, B&T; House Hearing TBD
- s. SJ1/HJ1 – Environmental Human Rights – SJ Hearing 3/8 EEE; HJ Hearing TBD
- t. SB869 – Primary and Secondary Education – Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program – Eligibility, Hearing 3/7 B&T.
- u. SB720 – Maryland Horse Racing Act – Sunset Extension, Hearing 3/8 B&T.
- v. SB694 – Department of Natural Resources’ Real Property – Exchange with Private Real Property, Hearing 3/9 B&T
- w. SB590/HB718-Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2023) Senate Hearing 2/28, EEE; House Hearing 3/9, EM.
- x. SB643/HB838– Housing – Community Development Program Act – Funding, Senate Hearing 3/8 B&T House; Hearing 3/14 APP.
- y. SB931/HB1188 – Public Utilities – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Solar Photovoltaic Systems, Senate Hearing TBD, EEE; House Hearing 3/9, EM.
- z. SB562 – Maryland Small Food Banks Grant Program – Establishment. Hearing 3/10, Finance Committee.
- aa. HB678 – Sales & Use Tax – Electricity for Agriculture Purposes, Hearing held 2/23, W&M. (REVISIT)

- bb. HB712 - Consumer Protection - Right to Repair - Farm Equipment, Hearing held 2/22 ECM.
- cc. HB831 – Environment – Septic Systems – Online Database, Hearing 3/1 E&T
- dd. HB1083 – Food System Resiliency Council – Invasive Species Coalition, Hearing 3/3, E&T
- ee. HB1204 - Hemp Farming Program – Refined Hemp and Hemp Extract Products – Requirements, Hearing 3/3, ECM/HGO.
- ff. HB1015 – Labor and Employment – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Seasonal Temporary Workers, Hearing 3/7 ECM.
- gg. HB1125 – Transit – Grant Funding for Local Service – Alterations, Hearing 3/7, APP.
- hh. HB1133 – Agriculture – Veterinary Practitioners – Student Loan Forgiveness Program, Hearing 3/7, APP.
- ii. HB1100 – Batter Storage and Solar Arrays Safety Training Grant Program and Fund; Hearing 3/8, E&T, EM.
- jj. HB1139, Solid Waste Disposal and Diversion and On-Farm Composting and Compost Use, Hearing 3/8, E&T.
- kk. HB842 – Agricultural Land – Foreign Property Interests – Restrictions, Hearing 3/9 E&T, EM.
- ll. HB889 – Retail Service Stations – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Property Tax Credit for Service Station Conversions, Hearing 3/9, EM, W&M.
- mm. HB1213 – Wireless Facilities – Permitting and Siting, Hearing 3/9, ECM.
- nn. HB1216 – Economic Development – Nonprofit Sustainability Fund, Establishment, Hearing 3/9 APP

V. Other

- a. Maryland Day – March 24, 2023

VI. Adjourn

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